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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Heritage Tourism Business Connection in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is El Paso County at 500 E. San Antonio, El Paso, Texas 79901.

The funding would be used to launch a business retention and expansion effort for businesses along El Paso County's historic Mission Trail, which stretches from the eastern edge of the City of El Paso, includes the City of Socorro, the San Elizario Historic District and the Town of Tornillo. The program would provide training and counseling for entrepreneurs as well as skills development for employees to help bolster the tourism industry in El Paso County. Entrepreneurs targeted by the program would include small business owners situated along the Mission Trail corridor including heritage tourism and ecotourism operators.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Veronica Escobar Member of Congress